

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pat Dillahunty on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pat Dillahunty is one such estimable educator who, having distinguished herself in her work at with the Huntingdon school system, will enter into a well-deserved retirement on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a renowned staff member, educator, and administrator for the Huntingdon school system, Mrs. Dillahunty has served with acumen and alacrity for thirty-five years, instructing and positively influencing students from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Huntingdon, Pat Dillahunty graduated from Huntingdon High School in 1976 after twelve years of attending school in the Huntingdon school system; following her graduation, she married Mark Dillahunty and served her family as a homemaker, a wife, and the mother of three sons, Brent, Kyle, and Cliff; and

WHEREAS, although Mrs. Dillahunty spent most of the early years of her sons' lives at home, she worked occasionally as a substitute teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Pat Dillahunty began full-time work as a secretary at Huntingdon Primary School, which allowed her to go to school with her sons and be home with them when school was out; she continued working as a secretary until 1992, at which time she pursued a career in teaching; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dillahunty completed her undergraduate work at Jackson State Community College and graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in education at; she began teaching at Huntingdon Middle School (HMS),

where she served as a fourth-grade teacher for nine years and a sixth-grade teacher for four years; and

WHEREAS, during her time at HMS, Pat Dillahunty took classes in administration and completed a master's degree at the University of Memphis in 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mrs. Dillahunty was named the principal of HMS, in which position she served from 2004 to 2009; she then applied for and obtained the position of Director of Schools for the Huntingdon Special Schools District, in which role she has served for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Pat Dillahunty truly epitomizes the dedicated staff member, teacher, and administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Pat Dillahunty, commending her exceptional service to the children of the Huntingdon school system, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.